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TRANSMITTING SYSTEM, CLOCK SIGNAL TRANSMITTING METHOD, AND
DIGITAL SIGNAL TRANSMITTING METHOD

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Sir:

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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 61-24321, published February 3, 1986 with partial English translation.
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,736,893 issued April 7, 1998.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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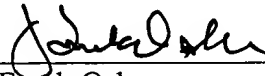
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